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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE HAVE ONLY TWO OF THE MANY REPORTING CABLES DONE BY THE CAT DEL IN HELSINKI (STATE 116311 AND STATE 116087). MOSCOW WAS ON FOR INFO BUT IT APPEARS THAT BECAUSE THEY WERE NODIS THE DEPT HAS TO REPEAT THEM SINCE THEY ARE THE ONLY REPORTS WHICH WILL BE DONE OF THE MEETINGS WE WOULD APPRECIATE QUICK RETRANSMITTAL. THANKS.

2. MARK SOFFER ASKED FOR INTERVIEW WITH P&C COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS PACKAGE OF BOOKS WHICH NOW ENROUTE TO SENDER MARKED "ADDRESSEE NOT AUTHORIZED POUCH PRIVILEGES." AFTER OPENING BACK AND FORTH, SOFFER CLAIMED NEW UNDERSTANDING OF DEFINITION OF POUCH AND REGRET THAT HE HAD "INADVERTENTLY" MISUSED IT. HE THEN LAUNCHED LONG DISCUSSION OF EFFECT ON DISSIDENT CULTURAL COMMUNITY - WHICH HE KNOWS WELL - OF RESTRICTIONS ON EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH DISSIDENTS "IMPOSED SINCE JANUARY, 1977." HE HAD, SOFFER TOLD COUNSELOR, DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH CONGRESSMAN ADDABBO DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW LATE 1977. IN CONTEXT THAT DISCUSSION, SOFFER DESCRIBED  
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"NEW RESTRICTIONS" ON GRANTEES' RECEIPT OF LETTER AND PACKAGE MAIL. SOFFER NOW UNDERSTANDS WHAT IS A POUCH AND THAT PACKAGES ARRIVING WITH IMPROPER RETURN ADDRESS WILL BE RETURNED.

3. RE STATE 114350, ON BASIS INFORMATION YOU HAVE PROVIDED WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH PROPOSED GOLUB CONTACT

WITH BIOLOGY GROUP HERE.

4. FOR MCCALL FROM PORTER: APPRECIATE YOUR THINKING OF  
ME FOR AFGHANISTAN DESK SLOT, BUT I AM NOT INTERESTED IN  
THE JOB. TOON

DISSIMINATION COORDINATED WITH SS/O PER MR. TOBIN.

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